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June 24, 2003

Mr. Kris Balaji, Chief
Caltrans Division of Transportation Programming, MS 82
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program
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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

Subject: Formal Amendment No. 11 – 2002 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

YARTS - FTA 5309 Congressional Earmark capital cost of contracting service

Mr. Aljabiry,

On June 19, 2003, the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Governing Board approved Formal Amendment No. 11 to the 2002 Federal Transportation Improvement Program adding the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) - FTA 5309 Congressional Earmark project to the 2002 FTIP.

These funds will be used for the capital cost of contracting. Currently, the YARTS contractor provides the buses, the maintenance, the maintenance facility, the fuel and the transit service. The capital funding will be used to pay the contractor for the use of the privately owned assets. The use of these funds in this manner is consistent with the Federal Transit Administration Guidelines.

MCAG had requested that Caltrans add this project to the FTIP since the majority of transit service is operating in Mariposa County. However, MCAG was informed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on June 6, 2003 that the project should be included in Merced County's Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).


A formal amendment is needed to the FTIP with the addition of a new project. This transit project is exempt from an air quality conformity analysis. The addition of the project does not invalidate the fiscal constraints of the FTIP. This project does not adversely impact the timely implementation of transportation control measures (TCM).

The Caltrans California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS) database has been changed to reflect the addition of this transit project. The project detail page is included for review.

MCAG requests formal approval of this amendment by Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Time is of the essence because MCAG staff was intending to use these funds for the 2003/04 fiscal year starting July 1, 2003.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, contact Terri Lewis of my staff at (209) 6723-3153 ext 307.

Regards,



Jesse B. Brown
Executive Director

Enclosures:

CTIPS project detail page

MCAG Governing Board Minute Order

cc:

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Jerry Wiggins, Federal Transit Administration

Cari Anderson, Earth Matters

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MINUTE ORDER**MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS****EXCERPT FROM MINUTES, MEETING HELD:**

June 19, 2003

**RE: FORMAL AMENDMENT #11 OF MERCED COUNTY'S FEDERAL
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)**

**Item 10f. Formal Amendment #11 of Merced County's Federal Transportation
Improvement Program (FTIP)**

Supervisor Cortez-Keene moved to approve Formal Amendment #11 to
Merced County's FTIP adding the Section 5309 YARTS Transit Project.
Seconded by Supervisor O'Banion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Jesse B. Brown, Executive Director
Merced County Association of Governments

**Merced County Association of Governments - Federal Transportation Improvement Program
(Dollars in Whole)**

Transit System

DIST: 10	COUNTY: Merced County	TITLE (DESCRIPTION):	MPO Aprv: / /
ROUTE: VAR	PM:	Yosemite Area Regional Transportation Sy (YARTS 5309 FTA funds for capital cost of contracting service.)	State Aprv: / /
PPNO:	KP:		Federal Aprv: / /
EA:	MPO ID: YARTS01		
CTIPS ID: 205-0000-0100			
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Merced County Association of Governments		PRJ MGR: MARJIE KIRN	EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY:
		PHONE: (209) 723-3153	Transit operating assistance.

PROJECT VERSION HISTORY (Printed Version is Shaded)

Version History Report (Printed version is shaded)					(Dollars in whole)								
Version	Status	Official Date	Updated By	Change Reason	Amend No.	Prog Con	Prog RW	PE					
1	Active	06/23/2003	TCEW/S	Amendment - New Project	1	561,000							
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TOTAL						394,000							394,000
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Comments:

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MCAG requested Caltrans to amend the F5TIP under Mariposa County. FTA states this project should be included in Merced County's FTIP.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

TABLE 9

FY 2003 SECTION 5309 BUS AND BUS-RELATED ALLOCATIONS

STATE	PROJECT	ALLOCATION
CA	Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) Transit Centers - Corona, Riverside	983,879
CA	Rosoville Multitransit Center	1,475,518
CA	Sacramento Hydrogen Bus Technology (University of California at Davis)	590,207
CA	Sacramento Regional CNG Bus & Bus Facility	1,229,598
CA	San Diego Bus Rapid Transit	491,839
CA	San Fernando Valley East and Ventura Boulevard, Park and ride facilities	491,839
CA	San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Zero-Emission Buses	1,362,395
CA	Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Hybrid Bus BRT Project	737,759
CA	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Clean Fuel Bus Program	1,475,518
CA	Solano Transportation Authority - Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station	491,839
CA	Sonoma County CNG Fueling Facility Upgrade	491,839
CA	South Pasadena Circulator Bus	147,552
CA	Sun Line Transit Hydrogen Refueling Station	1,229,598
CA	Yolobus and Unitrans CNG Buses	1,278,782
CA	Yosemite (YARTS)	393,471
CO	Colorado Transit Coalition - Statewide Bus and Bus Facilities	11,804,144
CT	Bridgeport High Speed Ferry Terminal Project	983,679
CT	Connecticut State-wide Buses	983,679
CT	Hartford Downtown Circulator	1,475,518
CT	Hartford-New Britain Busway Project	7,377,590
CT	Holyhock Station/Intermodal Transportation Center, Norwich	2,606,748
CT	New Haven, Bus Maintenance Facility	983,679
CT	New Haven, Fuel Cell and Electric Bus Project	983,679
CT	West Haven Intermodal	983,679
DE	Delaware Transit Corporation	2,951,036
DC	Georgetown University Fuel Cell Transit Bus Program	4,770,841
DC	WMATA - Buses in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia	1,967,357
FL	Broward County Buses and Bus Facility	196,736
FL	Collier Area Transit, Transit Facility	737,759
FL	DeLand Intermodal Center (VOTRAN)	1,721,438
FL	East Central Florida Transit Coalition Bus and Facilities	5,902,072
FL	Fl. Lauderdale, Transit Shuttle Vehicles	1,475,518
FL	Gainesville, Multimodal Transportation Center	983,679
FL	Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART)	491,839
FL	Jacksonville Transit Authority (JTA) - Buses	1,229,598
FL	Key West Buses and Bus Facilities	983,679
FL	Lakeland, Citrus Connection	491,839
FL	Lee County, Bus Facility	737,759
FL	LYNX buses, bus facilities, and passenger amenities	737,759
FL	Miami Beach Intermodal Transit Center	1,475,518
FL	Miami-Dade Buses	2,951,036
FL	Pinellas County Bus Replacement	4,131,450
FL	SunTran Transit Maintenance Facility - City of Ocala	786,943
FL	Tallahassee (TALTRAN) buses	1,229,598
FL	Tallahassee (TALTRAN) Intermodal Center	491,839
FL	West Coast Florida Bus Coalition	7,869,429
FL	West Palm Beach, Trolley Buses	1,229,598
FL	Winter Haven Transit Terminal	491,839
GA	Atlanta, Multimodal Terminal	1,967,357
GA	Chatham Area Transit	2,655,932
GA	Georgia Regional Transportation Authority - Regional Express Bus and Facilities	4,363,598
GA	Georgia Statewide Bus Replacement Program	1,475,518